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In re application of: Connell Reynolds

Application No.: 10/ 631,146 Group No.: 3736

Filed: 07-31-03 Examiner: TBA

For: Systems and Methods for Locating Blood Vessels

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Commissioner for Patents

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PETITION TO CLAIM BENEFIT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119(e)
OF PRIOR FILED PROVISIONAL APPLICATION
(37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(6))

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a): "(5)(i) Any nonprovisional application or international application designating the United States of America claiming the benefit of one or more prior-filed provisional applications must contain or be amended to contain a reference to each such prior-filed provisional application, identifying it by the provisional application number (consisting of series code and serial number).

(ii) This reference must be submitted during the pendency of the later-filed application. If the later-filed application is an application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a), this reference must also be submitted within the later of four months from the actual filing date of the later-filed application or sixteen months from the filing date of the prior-filed provisional application. If the later-filed application is a nonprovisional application which entered the national stage from an international application after compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371, this reference must also be submitted within the later of four months from the date on which the national stage commenced under 35 U.S.C. 371(b) or (f) in the later-filed international application or sixteen months from the filing date of the prior-filed provisional application. These time periods are not extendable. Except as provided in paragraph (a)(6) of this section, the failure to timely submit the reference is considered a waiver of any benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) to such prior-filed provisional application. The time periods in this paragraph do not apply if the later-filed application is:

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(Petition To Claim Benefit Under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of Prior Filed Provisional Application(s) [5-1.6])

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(A) An application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) before November 29, 2000; or

(B) A nonprovisional application which entered the national stage after compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371 from an international application filed under 35 U.S.C. 363 before November 29, 2000.

(iii) If the later-filed application is a nonprovisional application, the reference required by this paragraph must be included in an application data sheet (§ 1.76), or the specification must contain or be amended to contain such reference in the first sentence following the title.

(6) If the reference required by 35 U.S.C. 119(e) and paragraph (a)(5) of this section is presented in a nonprovisional application after the time period provided by paragraph (a)(5)(ii) of this section, the claim under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) for the benefit of a prior-filed provisional application may be accepted during the pendency of the later-filed application if the reference identifying the prior-filed application by provisional application number was unintentionally delayed. A petition to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) for the benefit of a prior-filed provisional application must be accompanied by:

(i) The reference required by 35 U.S.C. 119(e) and paragraph (a)(5) of this section to the prior-filed provisional application, unless previously submitted;

(ii) The surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t); and

(iii) A statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under paragraph (a)(5)(ii) of this section and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional."

1. Applicant hereby petitions, in accordance with § 1.78(a)(6), to claim the benefit, for this application under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of prior provisional application(s):

Provisional application No: 60/399,982 filed 07/31/2002.

2. Applicant states that the entire delay between the date the claim for the benefit of the earlier application was due under paragraph (a)(5)(i) of 37 C.F.R. § 1.78 and the date this claim is filed was unintentional.
3. The surcharge fee set forth in § 1.17(t), required by 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(6)(ii), is paid as follows:

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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)**1300.**

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| Application Number | 10/631,146 |
| Filing Date | 07-31-03 |
| First Named Inventor | Reynolds |
| Examiner Name | TBA |
| Group / Art Unit | 3736 |
| Attorney Docket No. | 61807-1020 |

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity | | Small Entity | | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|------------------------|----------|
| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | | |
| 1001 | 770 | 2001 | 385 | Utility Filing Fee | |
| 1002 | 340 | 2002 | 170 | Design Filing Fee | |
| 1003 | 530 | 2003 | 265 | Plant Filing Fee | |
| 1004 | 770 | 2004 | 385 | Reissue Filing Fee | |
| 1005 | 160 | 2005 | 80 | Provisional Filing Fee | |
| SUBTOTAL (1) | | | | (\$) | |

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

| | Extra Claims | Fee From Below | Fee Paid |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|----------|
| Total Claims | - 20**= | X 9.00 | = |
| Independent Claims | - 3**= | X 43.00 | = |
| Multiple Dependent | | 145.00 | = |

| Large Entity | | Small Entity | | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
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| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | | |
| 1202 | 18 | 2202 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 | |
| 1201 | 86 | 2201 | 43 | Independent claims in excess of 3 | |
| 1203 | 290 | 2203 | 145 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid | |
| 1204 | 86 | 2204 | 43 | **Reissue independent claims over original patent | |
| 1205 | 18 | 2205 | 9 | **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent | |
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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

| Large Entity | | Small Entity | | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
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| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | | |
| 1051 | 130 | 2051 | 65 | Surcharge-late filing fee or oath | |
| 1052 | 50 | 2052 | 25 | Surcharge-late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 1053 | 130 | 1053 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 1812 | 2,520 | 1812 | 2,520 | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | |
| 1804 | 920* | 1804 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 1805 | 1,840* | 1805 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 1251 | 110 | 2251 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 1252 | 420 | 2252 | 210 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 1253 | 950 | 2253 | 475 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 1254 | 1,480 | 2254 | 740 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1255 | 2,010 | 2255 | 1,005 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 1401 | 330 | 2401 | 165 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 | 330 | 2402 | 165 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 | 290 | 2403 | 145 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 1451 | 1,510 | 1451 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1452 | 110 | 2452 | 55 | Petition to revive-unavoidable | |
| 1453 | 1,330 | 2453 | 655 | Petition to revive-unintentional | |
| 1501 | 1,330 | 2501 | 665 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 1502 | 480 | 2502 | 240 | Design issue fee | |
| 1503 | 640 | 2503 | 320 | Plant issue fee | |
| 1460 | 130 | 1460 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 1807 | 50 | 1807 | 50 | Processing fee for provisional application | |
| 1806 | 180 | 1806 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 8021 | 40 | 8021 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 1809 | 770 | 2809 | 385 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) | |
| 1810 | 770 | 2810 | 385 | For each add. invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) | |
| 1801 | 770 | 2801 | 385 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 1802 | 900 | 1802 | 900 | Request for expedited exam. of a design application | |
| Petition to Claim Benefit of Prior Filed | | | | | 1300 |
| Other fee (specify) Provisional Application | | | | | |
| SUBTOTAL (3) | | | | (\$) | 1300 |

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